



AUSTRALIAN INVASION: TOP SONGWRITERS PERFORM AT HANDY MUSIC FESTIVAL IN MUSCLE SHOALS

Now in its 44th year, the annual W. C. Handy Music Festival is a ten day celebration of music held in Muscle Shoals which showcases local and national talent. Occasionally, international artists are booked to perform at Handy Festival and this year, a unique event was held which featured international talent unlike anything seen at previous Handy Festivals.

Five artists from Australia, all of whom boast an impressive record of achievement, played the Top Songwriter Showcase on Friday 25th July. *"It was an Aussie invasion like no other"* quipped Zena O'Connor of 2120 Music.

Alongside Shoals-based Australian artist Lucie Tiger, who initiated the songwriter showcase and acted as MC, the lineup featured Sinead Burgess, Blake O'Connor, Imogen Clarke and Melanie Dyer. All five of these artists have won prestigious awards, achieved Top 20 ranking with their songs and albums, or both. Individually, their talent is impressive and to have these artists perform in the same room at Handy Music Festival was memorable.

The event attracted a full house at Handy Festival with many audience members keen to see the international artists from Australia.

L-R | Blake O'Connor, Sinead Burgess, Melanie Dyer, Lucie Tiger, Imogen Clark
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